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Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examining the present application, please enter the amendments that follow:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3-7, 9-11, 13, 15 and 16 with amended claims 3-7, 9-11, 13, 15 and 16.

Please cancel claims 2 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.